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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 225/50206

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Andreas CHRISTEN and Dr. Jens Thomas MUELLER

entitled: **FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING SAME**

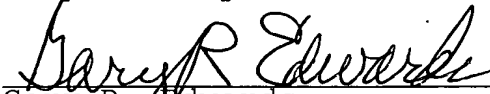
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 14 claims (pages 1-16, plus specification cover sheet).
2. 1 Sheet of drawings showing a sole figure.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted-2 pages**).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 35 756.3, filed in Germany on 23 July 2000.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$355/710 =	\$710.00
Total Claims	<u>14</u>	- 20 =	<u>0</u>	x	\$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	- 3 =	<u>0</u>	x	\$40/80 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$135/270 =	\$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$710.00</u>

The filing fee is being deferred at this time.

Respectfully submitted,


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